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3 April 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

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TO :

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1. A field visit to Watertown Strip and the Los Angeles area was completed by [REDACTED] during the week of 25-29 March and the following comments are submitted.

2. Knowledge of the U-2 aircraft and supporting equipment as well as crew procedures was gained. Flight planning, briefing, and interrogation procedures were noted in detail.

3. The three operating agencies at Watertown were visited separately and the information gained from each is as follows:

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a. Base Personnel [REDACTED]

(1) Recommends having 70% of personnel prior to ^{REPORTING} deployment.

(2) Would like to have two weeks for clean-up of base, repair of equipment and resurfacing runway after Detachment "A" leaves. Recommends a reporting date between 16-25 May for "B" personnel.

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(3) [REDACTED] plans to be in Washington 10 May and would like to brief "B" personnel prior to their assignment to Watertown.

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(4) Due to lack of housing facilities, any "B" personnel assigned to Watertown for duty will be housed at [REDACTED] and will ride the daily vehicle shuttle to and from Watertown until "A" has deployed. This applies specifically to [REDACTED]

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(5) [REDACTED] accepted proposed supplement to Operations Policy Letter #3 with the provision that PP 4 A (3) be changed to read: [REDACTED]

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b. Training Personnel [REDACTED]

(1) Recommends "B" Personnel report approximately 6 May so that ground training can be started.

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(2) [REDACTED] wants to talk to [REDACTED] during the USCM of Detachment "A", or between that and 6 May when [REDACTED] goes to the U.K.

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(3) The flying training program is being revised and will probably include more training missions and greater emphasis on instrument proficiency in the T-33 portion.

(4) The Training Section has its own T-33 and L-17 aircraft and does not allow other personnel to use them as SAC has not forwarded approval. All checkouts, etc. are based on the appropriate SAC regulation.

c. Detachment "A"

(1) One copy of all operating procedures, policies, and forms will be left for Detachment "B".

(2) Critical shortage of personnel in "A", especially in supply field hampered full effectiveness.

(3) Recommend obtaining a Draftsman

(4) Recommend having a Supply Officer in addition to Material Officer.

(5) Flying pay is one month behind for all personnel.

d. General Comments

(1) [] is going with Detachment "A" and no physiologist will be available for approximately 60 days.

(2) Insufficient funds available on the base for cashing checks.

4. The [] was visited and the following recommendations received:

a. "B" Supply personnel should be detached [] for approximately two weeks for training prior to deploying to Watertown.

b. Clearances for Supply people be pushed to expedite their getting []

5. The following conclusions and recommendations are submitted for your consideration:

a. The date 7 May be used as a planning factor for assigning "B" personnel to Watertown.

b. A Supply Officer is needed in addition to the Material Officer

c. A Draftsman be added to the Operations Section

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d. Supply personnel, especially [redacted] be given a minimum of one week at [redacted]

e. An effort be made to obtain Headquarters, SAC approval for authorization of Detachment USAF pilots to fly 4070th assigned aircraft.

f. Flight Planning Officer be checked out in the U-2 as well as the Commander and Operations Officer.

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6. All personnel contacted both at Watertown and [redacted] were extremely cooperative and helpful in providing information.

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Lt. Colonel, USAF

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